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BACKGROUND DETERMINING METHOD, AND MEDIUM RECORDING
THEREON IMAGE DATA BACKGROUND DETERMINATION CONTROL
PROGRAM

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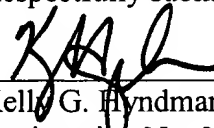
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